

AVENGERS

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MAY

# THE AVENGERS

BY THE  
CREATOR OF  
THE  
MARVEL  
UNIVERSE

YOUR  
WORLD MUST  
*DIE*....  
SO THAT  
MINE MAY  
*LIVE!*

THE DAY  
THE  
EARTH  
EXPLODED!

MARVEL  
COMICS  
GROUP

MARVEL'S MIGHTIEST  
HEROES IN BATTLE WITH  
THE AWESOME

## ARKON

WHILE A HELPLESS  
MANKIND MUST HOLD  
ITS BREATH!







NO MATTER  
WHAT!!

FTOOOM!



YOU ARE SURE NOW, KING  
OF THE BARBARIANS?

MY ARMORED BODY WILL  
DRINK UP THE EXCESS  
ENERGY WHICH BUDGES  
YOUR FORM!

THANK YOU—  
FORGIVE—

STILL, I CANNOT  
RESIST CURIOUSITY  
...IF I HAVE  
ARMOR, AS YOU  
MENTIONED  
BEFORE...

NEITHER I...  
YOU AND AGAIN—  
MIGHT HAVE SAVED YOU!



THERE'S... A SIGNAL IN  
THAT SOMEPLACE... AWEIGH!

PERHAPS I SHOULD  
KNOW WHAT IT IS...  
WHEN MY HEAD  
CEASES SPINNING...

AND WHAT ABOUT YOUR  
PISTOL?

DID YOUR SUPER-SPEED  
POWERS PROTECT YOU FROM  
ARMOR FROM THE FORCE  
FIELD?

THINK SO,  
CAP! BUT... YOU  
FAILED!



WE ARE CLOSER TO  
SUCCESS THAN YOU  
THINK, NIGHT...  
IT IS HERE! THE  
POWER SOURCE  
WHICH IS THE  
ORIGIN!

THEY WILL FIND  
ANOTHER POWER  
SOURCE— THE  
SUPREMACY ONE  
OF ALL!

BUT, WHAT I HAVE  
IN MIND WILL TAKE  
TIME!



TIME! YES, AWEIGH...  
YOU HAVE PLENTY OF  
TIME, DON'T YOU?

WHAT DOES IT  
MATTER IF MY  
SISTER WANDA  
REMARKABLE ACCORD  
THE BRIDE OF THE  
BARBARIAN ARROW...

...AS LONG AS THE  
WORLD IS SAVED, AND THERE ARE  
ARMIES LEFT TO REMIND THE ARROWHEAD!

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HOW WOULD  
ONCE AN  
AVENGER,  
BUT...  
BECAUSE IT  
SEEMS AS  
IF YOU TO  
ADMIT  
THE FACT?

HE IS WORTHY  
OF ADMISSION TO  
OUR RANKS AGAIN,  
KIDNA

WHEN HE  
RECOGNIZED  
MATCHES THE  
SPEED OF HIS  
LIMBS!

EVERY WORD! WHICH THEN  
STROKE IS A TRUTH WHICH  
SEEMS HE LIKE A BURNING  
SWORD.

NO MAN WILL  
PASS MORE THAN  
THEY TO SAVE  
BOTH THE EARTH  
AND THEM!

STILL I  
AM CALLED  
BY THE FUTURE...  
THE ENDLESS WAITING!

CONTROL THE DAY WHEN  
WANDA AND I BEALED THE  
DARKNESS... TRYING TO  
RESTORE MY SISTER'S  
REAL POWER.

PERHAPS  
IN THE END  
I CAN LOSE  
MY SORROWS  
...IN PHYSICAL  
EXERCISE!

OWAY, LITTLE GUN-SHOT...  
THIS IS IT!

NEVER YOU CAN'T  
DO MUCH HELP WITH  
THAT DIMENSION-  
HOPPER OF  
TCHALLA'S...

BUT WITH 500 POUNDS  
OF PULL ON THIS THING,  
YOU CAN STILL PLAY  
ROBBY HOOBY WITH  
THE BEST OF 'EM!

ALL RIGHT, GENT  
BOY... LET  
ME RIN!

GOIN'... HE WHO  
ONCE WAS HAWKEYE...  
PRACTICED HIS BANG-  
BANGING IN THIS  
CHAMBER!

I MUST GO  
ELSEWHERE  
TO AVAIL THE  
GUNNERS TO  
BATTLE!

RRAAKK





WHY'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT 'GAMMA'?

YOU COME IN OUTTA NOWHERE AFTER ALL THESE WEEKS... AND READ ME A DEAR JIMMY LETTER. JUST LIKE THAT?

THERE'S GOTTA BE SOME REASON... SCHNEIDER!

NOTHING... THAT I CAN SAY!

NOTHING THAT WON'T EVEN ROSE THAN SIMPLE GOODBYE!

CHUCK, LADY... I'LL LET YOU GO... AND I WON'T TRY TO STOP YOU...

AND ALL YOU GOTTA SAY IS... THAT YOU NEVER LOVED ME!



IF THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES... THEN I'LL SAY IT!

I NEVER LOVED YOU!

NEVER...



AND EVEN AS AN UNSEEN TEAR ENLARGES THE BLACK WIDOW'S CRYPTIC MESSAGE, LET US VIEW ANOTHER SCENE EAST OF THE TEARDROP... HEIST OF THOSE SOFTLY-SPOKEN WORDS...

DO NOT LET THE BLOOD WHICH NOW BEHOUNDS THE LAST DECEIVE YOU, FEMALE!

MY WORLD WILL SOON BLOOM AGAIN... AND YOU SHALL BE THE QUEEN!



BUT, FOR YOUR WORLD TO LIVE, SOME MUST BECOME AN ATOMIC RUIN!

HOW CAN I LOVE THE MAN WHO OVERTHROWS ALL I HOLD DEAR...

... AND WHO KEEPS ME CAPTIVE HERE AGAINST MY WILL?

YOU SHALL LEAD... BEAUTY, AS THE YEARS TURN TO ASHES... AND YOU HAVE NO ONE ELSE TO TURN TO!



THAT I SHALL  
NEVER LEARN!

THOUGH I  
LIVE FOR  
CARTOONS  
AS YOU  
PEOPLE DO,  
I SHALL  
ALWAYS  
CONTROL  
YOU!

THEN I SHALL  
LIVE WITH  
THAT LOSTING  
BEAUTY!

IT IS **ENOUGH**  
THAT I SHALL HAVE  
AS MY GUILD  
"THE **ARMIST**  
OF THE FAIR!"



HAVE YOU NO **FITH** ARMIST...  
NO WORD OF **ARMIST**  
ARMIST?

ARMIST,  
GIRL!

THAT IS FOR  
HIMSELF AND  
OLD FOLK...  
NOT FOR  
ARMIST!

ALL ARE  
ARMIST THE  
ARMIST...  
ARMIST OF ARMIST...  
ARMIST OF ALL THE  
ARMIST.



ARMIST... THANK THE GODS  
YOU HAVE COME!

WE MUST  
ACT **ARMIST**  
TO **ARMIST**  
THE **ARMIST**...  
OR WE **ARMIST**  
ARE **ARMIST**!

ARE NOT THE  
ARMIST  
ARMIST  
ARMIST AND  
ARMIST  
ARMIST!



ALL OUR  
ARMIST...  
OUR **ARMIST**...  
ARMIST...  
ARMIST...  
ARMIST...  
ARMIST...

THERE REMAINS  
BUT **ARMIST**...  
TO GAIN THE  
ARMIST...  
WE SEEK.

I **ARMIST**  
WHEN  
YOU **ARMIST**  
OLD ONE!

LET IT  
THEN BE  
ARMIST!



ARMIST... BUT YOU KNOW YOUR OWN  
ARMIST.

ONLY IN YOUR  
ARMIST...  
THE **ARMIST**  
ARMIST...  
ARMIST...

SAY NO  
ARMIST!

WE SHALL  
ARMIST...  
ARMIST...  
ARMIST...





"YOU SCANDALOUS... CARE FOR MY WIFE-TO-BE, AND CARRY OUT HER EVERY WHIM!"

"NOW, GENTLEMAN—LET US AWAY!"

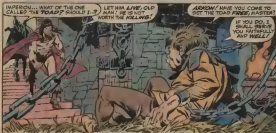
"...UNLESS SHE ENDS YOU TRY TO HELP HER ESCAPE!"



"FOR TIME GROWS SHORT, SAVANT—AND THE DAY TURNS DARK!"

"WE SHALL SCOURGELY LIVE TO SEE ANOTHER MORNING..."

"...UNLESS IT BE IN THE GLOW OF A SUNSET DYING DARK!"



"IMPERSON... WHAT OF THE ONE CALLED THE TOAD?" SHOULD I?

"LET HIM LIVE! OUR LAD! HE IS NOT WORTH THE FOLLOWS!"

"AHHH! HAVE YOU COME TO GET THE TOAD FREE, MASTER?"

"IF YOU DO, I SHALL REVEAL YOU PATRULLY AND WELL!"



"WITHOUT CEASING I SHALL SEND YOUR PRISONER, GOOD ARCH! AT DAWN AND AT DUSK!"

"LET US PRESS ON, GENTLEMAN!"

"I CANNOT ABIDE SUCH SPINELESS HAMFISTERS!"

"BUT YOU SCIENTISTS ARE A FAR DIFFERENT BREED, DON'T YOU?"

"WELL, THERE ARE WAYS TO MAKE YOU SAY A MORE ADMIRABLE THING!"

"YOUR BELLIES HAVE ALREADY TROOP THOSE WAYS, ARCH! AND THEY HAVE FORGOTTEN... AS YOU WILL!"

WELL? YOU HAVE VOICE THAT  
WORTH TO ASK ON THE  
MAGNIFICENT?

FOR THAT BIT  
OF INSOLENCE, YOU  
SHALL BE THE FIRST  
TO FACE THE ULTIMATE  
PERFORMANCE!

NO...  
KEEP  
BACK...

...YOU SEE,  
MEN OF EARTH?  
THE BEARDED ONE  
HAD THE STRONG-  
EST WILL AROUND  
YOU!

YET, THIS DEVICE WILL MANIFESTLY  
EXTRACT EVERY PIECE OF  
KNOWLEDGE WITHIN HIS BRAIN!

THEN... THEN ONE  
YOU... LEARN HOW  
TO SPECULATE  
THE EARTH?

BUT YOU  
THREE SHALL  
LIVE ON HERE!

AND ONE  
WORLD IS AS  
GOOD AS  
ANOTHER,  
IS IT?

SOME TIME LATER...

IT IS  
SUNDAY,  
MORNING.

THEN... THE  
SECRET OF  
THE ARCH  
IS CURE?

AY... AND  
HARBORING  
WITHIN THE  
OLDEN  
SPHERE!

WELL, TIME CLOSE  
DOWN, AT THE  
DECEASED SITE  
ON THE EARTH-  
WORKS...

THAT CONCERN  
ME NOT AT ALL!

WHAT  
MATTERS IS  
THAT ARCHES  
WORTHY TRAIL  
LIVE!

AND THE  
SECRET  
BLAST ALL  
LIGHT OUR  
UNIVERSE FOR  
UNTOLD  
AGES!

THE  
EARTH,  
OF COURSE  
WILL BE  
NOTHING BUT  
A SPOTTED  
NO COORDINATE  
COMPLEX!

...AND MY  
REALITY IS  
SHOWN  
NEED NEVER  
FROM THE  
COURT!

END





AND, IN THE NEXT CHATTERING INSTANT, THE COSTUMED INTERUPERS BEHOLD A SIGHT SUCH AS FEW HAVE EVER SEEN... A PANORAMA OF POWER UNLEASHED IN THE SERVICE OF THE GOD OF WAR... A DEADLY TRAILER TO STUN THE JOE AND HUMB THE SAVAGES....!

PURCHASE AND READ CAN STAND AGAINST SUCH A HORDE OF BATTLE-HONORED SUPERHEROES!



...NOT EVEN THE AVENGERS!!

LOOK OUT!

UNNNNN!

BY ASGAR'S  
GLIMMERING  
GLAZES!

THAT WAS  
ONE OF  
ARONG  
POOTS!

BY? THEN, BY THE  
SCROLLING DEAD  
OF ALL FATHER  
GOW...

THUMP WITH  
POUND AT LAST  
ONE WHO BE  
WORTHY TO TEST  
HIS ANGLE!

YOUR NEW HAMMER  
MAY NOT BECOMING  
ACROSS THE GREAT  
RIVER, THUNDER GOD... BUT BE-  
WARE...

IS ANY  
WORLD  
BEWARE,  
ANDROD?



THEN, LET IT BE  
THOSE WHO BELIEVE  
THE ONE CALLED  
ARROW!!

KRAAAK!



YOU ASKED THE DARK  
ARCHERS! LET'S GO!

CHANCELLOR  
CREW! WE'RE  
NOT SURE WHAT WE'RE  
UP AGAINST YET!

THE GROUP OF  
FOUR CHANTON,  
FROM MUM...



...WHEN THE WORLD  
AND MY SISTER  
ARE SAFE FROM  
DARK!



ARROW! YES... WE'RE  
THE KEY TO THIS!

CAPTAIN  
BOW... AND  
THE OTHERS  
WILL COME  
HEARTY!



THAT'S A REAL NICE  
THERAPY YOU GOT THERE,  
CAP!

AND, I'LL TRY  
TESTIN' IT OUT  
REAL SOON!  
NOW, HEARTY!

BUT FIRST, I GOTTA MAKE  
THAT A COUPLE MORE  
ACRES OF THESE  
JOY-BOYS!



BY **TANT** TIME, AVENGER... IT WILL BE TOO LATE!

FOR ALL OF YOU INTER-LOVERS SHALL BE DEAD...

...REMEMBER WITH... **TANT** ONE!



YOUR **GOLDEN BOLTS** TRANSPORT YOU TANT SPACE... AND THE **SCARLET ONES** ARE WEAPONS OF PURE DESTRUCTION!

BUT NEITHER CAN AFFECT THE **VISION** BECAUSE HE DOES NOT HAVE TO BE MOVED!



WE ARE NOW, OVERSEER! THIS IS THE **LAST** OF ARKON'S ELITE GUARD!



AND THIS, PANTHER, IS THE **LAST** OF HIS ARTILLERY...

...JUST SO MUCH **TANTART PRACTICE** FOR MY OLD RELIABLE **REPULSOR RAYS**!



IT IS... BEYOND ALL BELIEF!

THE **CREAM**... THE VERY **FLOWER** OF MY GUARDMEN...

...THEY ARE SCATTERED LIKE CHAFF BEFORE THE WHIRLING POWER OF THE **AVENGERS**...



STILL... THEY SHALL PAY A **HIGH PRICE** FOR THE HEAD OF **ARKON**...!

WHAT..?

IT IS I, WARLORD... YOUR FAITHFUL **VICER**!

DO NOT LOOK FOR BREATH ON ANY HAND!







I WAS...  
TOO  
SLOW!

ALL MY CATLINE  
SPEED WAS NOT  
ENOUGH TO REACH  
THEM IN TIME!



AND THEY ARE GONE...  
RETURNED TO A WORLD  
WHICH IS DOOMED!



AT THAT HELPING INSTANT,  
AMIDST THE FURRY CRACKLE  
OF LIGHTNING... THE  
OMINOUS RUMBLINGS OF  
AN UNEARTHLY THUNDER...



...TWO COLORED FIGURES  
MATERIALIZE A MILE AWAY  
ATOP OUR PLANET'S MOST FAMOUS  
STRUCTURE...

WE ARE ON...  
THE EMERALD  
STATE  
BUILDING!

OH, DEATHY!  
GAZE AT IT  
CLOSELY!

FOR A FEW  
MOMENTS SINCE  
IT... AND THE CITY  
WHICH LIES  
BELOW... SHALL  
CEASE TO BE!

YET... WHAT IS  
THAT FLASH OF  
LIGHT WHICH  
BLAZES ON THE  
STREET BENEATH  
US?



... I GOTTA RAMP  
IT TO OIL GULCHERS!  
THAT CROQUET Mallet  
OF HIS GOT US FOUR  
HERE ON THE POWER!

BUT WE WILL  
MUST REACH  
ARROW- OVER  
A HUNDRED  
STORES ABOVE  
US!

WE MUST ATTACK  
THESE... DO  
THAT DON'T YOU  
POWER CAN  
OVERWHELM  
BUT!



PERHAPS THE OTHERS  
WILL WANT TO FORM A  
BATTLE-PLAN... TO  
PUNISH THESE  
TACTICS!

BUT, THAT IS NOT THE WAY  
OF GORGON HERE!

OVER THE  
HIGH-SPEED  
ELEVATOR IS  
TOO SLOW  
FOR ME!

I SHALL SOBBIT  
USING... THE  
STAIRS!

THAT HUT  
PIETRO...  
HE SHOULD'VE  
WAITED FOR  
THE BEST  
OF US!

WELL, IT AIN'T  
EASY CLIMBING  
THIS WALL AND  
CARRYING A TORCH  
AT THE SAME  
TIME...

WHY'D I KEEPING?  
TO HAVE DONE THE  
DANCE IF ANTONIO  
WAS IN DANGER!

NO, I BETTER  
CONCENTRATE  
ON PLAYING  
ACROSS KONG'S  
IN REVERSE...

...AND HOPE  
THESE AIN'T NO  
ANY PLANES  
WAITING FOR ME  
WHEN I REACH  
THE TOP.

THE SHIRT ONE IS BAD! HE  
IS AN EASY TARGET,  
ATTACKING THIS ALONE!

ONE SINGLE BOLT,  
AND WE'LL BE...

ENT?

I CANNOT  
LET GO WITH  
ME-- BECAUSE  
OF ME!

MUST  
DISTRACT  
ARCON... BUT  
I CANNOT  
ATTAIN FULL  
SPEED ON THIS  
CLIMBY LEMON!

YOUR ANGER MAKES YOU  
ACT UNWISELY, MIGHT!

DO YOU FORGET THAT  
MY SHIELD CAN WITH-  
STAND YOUR SHIFTEST  
ATTACK... AND USE YOU  
BACK LIKE THE MIGHTY  
LEAF!

THE IMPACT...  
KNOCKED ME OFF  
THE LEDGE!!

NO!  
NOOOO!!

DON'T TRY MAKING A  
PROJECTION NUMBER  
OUTTA EVERYTHING.  
ROADBLOCKED!

YOU SCRATCHED  
MY BACK... NOW  
I'LL SCRATCH  
YOURS!

BUT NEARBY...  
LET'S JUST HOPE THAT  
SOMEBODY GETS AROUND  
TO SAVING THE WHOLE BLASTED WORLD!

CLINT AND PIETRO HAVE  
KEPT ARCON OCCUPIED...  
TOO BUSY TO EXPLODE HIS  
ATOM-SPHERE!

NOW, ONE  
CLEAR  
LEAP, AND  
I WIN...

TOO  
LATE! HE  
TURNS-- HE  
SEES ME!!

YOU!!



YOU DANGERS ARE  
AHEAD... TO HURL YOUR  
FURY RIGHT AGAINST  
THEY OF AURON!

HEY... ELECTRIFIED  
THE ROOF BENEATH ME!  
FALLING OUT..!

IT'S ALL UP... TO  
THE OTHERS...  
NOW...!!

**KRAAKKLI!**



FLEE, WHITHERS YOU  
GUE! YOU CAN'T STOP  
HIM... NO ONE CAN!

SHE SPEARS  
THE TRUTH,  
AND SO I  
BEHOLD!

YOUR BOLTS  
CANNOT REACH ONE  
THEY CANNOT  
TOUCH, BURNING!



THEY NEED NOT  
DESTROY YOU...  
ONLY DELAY YOU!

AND THAT THEY  
SHALL DO FULL WELL  
OBSERVE!

THE SCORLET BOLT  
PASSED THEM BY...  
AS I INTENDED!  
AND YET...



IT GAVE OFF  
SOME SORT OF  
SHOCK...  
FUMES HARD  
BLIND ME!

AND IF I CAN'T  
SEE... AURON  
WILL BE FREE  
TO KICK THE  
ATOM-  
SPHERE!



DON'T SWEAT  
IT, RED.

THERE'S  
STILL ONE  
OF THIS TEAM  
LEFT ON THE  
BENCH... THE  
BIGGEST  
ONE...

I CANNOT  
WATCH YOUR  
STRENGTH,  
GIANT...



BUT, EVEN IN MY WORLD,  
SOMETHING IS KNOWN OF...  
LEVERAGE!

AND SUCH IS MY  
POWER... THAT IT  
MAY WELL BE THE  
DECIDING FACTOR!



HE'S... STRONGER THAN I  
THOUGHT... AND HE'S  
MAGNETIC! HE!

BUT... IF I FALL  
BACK... HE'S  
GOT TIME TO  
FUEL THAT  
A-BOMB!

GOTTA  
HOLD ON  
AND  
PUSH!



THEN SUDDENLY, THEIR PAIN-  
FILLED EYES... THE FIGHTING  
BENCH SEES...

NEAR THE  
END OF  
THE TIME FOR  
BATTLE... AND  
ENDED!!

YOU *DAKE* FORWARD HIT HAS YOUR  
SKIN GONE AS SOFT AS YOUR FEARS?

"ONLY A  
MADMAN  
WILL  
THINK  
THERE IS NO  
ACHIEVING  
MORE."  
SHE!

"AND, YOUR MOUTH  
NOW HAS THE FLAVOR  
YOU SOUGHT TO  
GIVE IT!"

WHAT?  
SAY ONE,  
OLD ONE!

AY, SUPERIOR! WITH YOUR ARM SET TO SEE  
THE ONE CALLED ARON ARAN OFFERED AN  
EXCUSE TO RESTORE THE LIFE-GIVING POWER  
WHICH ONCE LIT OUR WORLD!

"IT WAS SET IN MOTION  
BY A MORTALITY CALLED  
GOWN. BY THE MIGHTY  
THUNDER GOD!"

THEN, OUR GUARREL IS AT AN  
END... AS IS MY NEED FOR THE  
ATOM-SPHERE!

I AM GLAD...  
FOR SOMEONE TOLD  
ME THAT ALL LIFE  
IS SACRED...

AND...WHAT  
OF ME,  
AREN'T

...EVEN THE LIFE...  
OF THE PRELATEST  
FLOWER?

THERE IS  
SOMETHING I HAVE  
NOT TOLD YOU  
EARLIER!

THE CROSSING  
OF THE GREAT  
SARVAT HAS  
DOUBTLESS  
RESTORED  
YOUR MUTANT  
POWERS... AS  
YOU SHALL  
LEARN FOR  
YOURSELF!

STILL, IT IS  
NO LONGER  
MY WISH  
THAT YOU  
MARRY ME  
AGAINST  
YOUR WILL!

YOU TAUGHT ME MUCH,  
GIRL... PERHAPS MORE  
THAN EVEN I YET KNOW!

PERHAPS  
ANOTHER  
DAY... ANOTHER  
HOUR...

WE SHALL  
SPEAK  
OF THIS  
AGAIN...

HE'S  
GONE!

AND LOOK WHO  
TOOK HIS PLACE!

THE SON OF GOWN  
SHALL FIND A HOME FOR  
THIS DEADLY TOY... IN  
THE BLACK SEA OF  
SPACE!

GOOD! BUT...  
WHAT DO YOU HIRE  
BENEATH YOUR CLOAK,  
MY SISTER?

IT IS...  
NOTHING,  
PETER!

NOTHING...  
AT ALL...